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Sent: Wed 3/26/2014 8:46:53 PM
Subject: RE: EPA web page on BP Whiting response

This is the statement and numbers EPA released last night. It's posted on the web site I gave you.

March 25, 2014, 7 p.m. Update

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is responding to the spill of an unknown volume of oil into Lake Michigan from the BP refinery in Whiting, Indiana. BP notified the federal government's National Response Center on March 24, 2014 at 5:25 p.m. that a spill had occurred.

EPA has issued a Notice of Federal Interest, which formally advises BP of the federal government's involvement in the spill and directs the company to conduct a cleanup. Under EPA oversight, BP has deployed more than 2,000 feet of boom to contain the oil. In addition, the company has used vacuum trucks to remove about 5,200 gallons of an oil/water mixture from the spill location. BP crews also are combing a nearby company-owned beach for oil globs and conducting air monitoring to ensure the safety of the public. The U.S. Coast Guard has flown over the area and has not observed any visible sheen beyond the boomed area.

EPA will continue to work with the U.S. Coast Guard, the Indiana Department of Environmental Management and BP to take measures to contain and clean up the oil. At this point there is no estimate of cleanup cost or duration.

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Sent: Wednesday, March 26, 2014 3:17 PM
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Thanks Phillippa. I haven't heard back from Francisco yet, so I just wanted to see if you could confirm a report from UPI that "BP removed more than 100 barrels of an oil-water mixture from Lake Michigan after a spill from its Whiting refinery."

Read more: http://www.upi.com/Business_News/Energy-Resources/2014/03/26/BP-gathers-about-100-barrels-from-Whiting-spill/4441395843048/#ixzz2x6Neqal2

On Wed, Mar 26, 2014 at 1:04 PM, Cannon, Phillippa <Cannon.Phillippa@epa.gov> wrote:

Lisa – here is the link to the EPA web page with the most recent update on the EPA response to the BP Whiting spill. We will update it as we get new information.

<http://www.epa.gov/region5/newsevents/bp-whiting-spill/index.html>

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